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Attorney Docket No. 2003-0022-01

Remarks

Claims 1-127 are pending in the above captioned United States Patent Application. The Examiner has restricted the claims into Groups I-VII. Applicants elect the claims in Group I for prosecution and withdraw the claims in Groups II, IV, V, VI and VII from further prosecution in the above captioned U.S. Patent Application. Applicants, however, traverse the restriction of the claims in Group III, given applicants election of the claims in Group I. Applicants assert that the claims in Group I and Group III are sufficiently related in subject matter flexural optic element mounting so as to not require the Examiner to do additional searching and respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction of Group III from Group I. In the event that the Examiner does not agree, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I and provisionally withdraw the Group III claims from further prosecution in the above captioned U.S. Patent application, without prejudice.

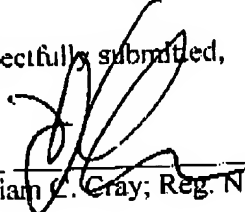
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Conclusions

Claims 1-127 are pending in the above-captioned application. The Examiner has restricted the claims into Groups I-VII. Applicants have elected the Claims in Group I for further prosecution and traversed the restriction of group III from Group I. The claims in Groups II and IV-VII have been withdrawn from further prosecution in the above captioned U.S. Patent Application without prejudice and the claims in Group III have been provisionally withdrawn without prejudice in the event the examiner is not in agreement with Applicants traverse of the restriction of the Group III claims.

Applicants do not believe that any fees or charges are due for the continuing prosecution of the above captioned U.S. Patent Application, but in the event that there are the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of applicants' assignee, Cymer, Inc. Deposit Account No. 03-4060 for any such fees or charges.

Respectfully submitted,


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